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2. MUSIC: Theme

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7. recent years many small forest tracts have been developed by local community
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22. Business men's Club is holding a special meeting to consider the community
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24. is there. As we join them, the Club's president, Andy Goodman, has the floor.

25. (FADE IN CROWD NOISE, CONVERSATION ETC.)

Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers

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Theme

MUSIC:

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ANDY:

All right, man. Let's get down to business here.
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I liked your little talk, Andy. We all want to be patriotic all right, but we got to be practical about this thing. I've lived long enough to know it takes hard-earned money to pay over any community project, whatever it is. Means to me to go well just to keep on buying Defense Bonds and Bonds a chance we get all of us, individually-like we decided at last meeting. I don't see how we can do any more in that of our young folks are already in the armed forces and no will be leavin' soon. It that ain't a real town contribution I don't know what is, and furthermore. . .

MATT:

1. AL: Sit down, Matt. Andy asked for suggestions, not a lecture. .

2. ANDY: (RAPPING GAVEL Al Perkins, you're out of order. Let Matt
3. have his say. Go on, Matt.

4. MATT: That's all I got to say, Andy. I think Winding Creek's doin'
5. about all any town can do. We got to be mighty economical
6. these days.

7. ANDY: Thank you, Matt. Sure we got to be economical, like you say,
8. but I know this...we never get to do so much we can't do more,
9. and now's the time. . .

10. AL: Sure. We got to get over the idea of taking time out to be
11. satisfied with what little we're doing instead of figurin'
12. more things to do.

13. ANDY: Al, you're so all-fired impatient to say something, go ahead,
14. and have your say.

15. AL: Well, seems to me there's a number of things this town could
16. do but I got in mind one thing in particular. You all know
17. I'm in the lumber business - so naturally, I'm more likely to
18. think about timber and forests than anything else.

19. MATT: You can't kick, Al Perkins. You're making plenty these days.

20. ANDY: (RAPPING) Matt Singlefield, now you're out of order.

21. AL: I'm glad you spoke up, Matt. Yep. I'm doin' better'n I have
22. in a good many years, but just the same the timber I'm cuttin'
23. is being cut right. It's not bein' hacked and wasted like a
24. lot of other timber lands in this county. Which brings me to
25. what I was about to say...Fellas, we got a man right here with
us today who gave us a talk a couple of years ago..a fine talk,
but for all the good it did it might just as well never have
been given.

AL: Sit down, Matt. Andy asked for suggestions, not a lecture.

ANDY: (RAPPING GAVEL) Al Perkins, you're out of order. Let Matt have his say. Go on, Matt.

MATT: That's all I got to say, Andy. I think Winding Creek's about all any town can do. We got to be mighty economical these days.

ANDY: Thank you, Matt. Sure we got to be economical, like you but I know this... we never got to do so much we can't do and now's the time. . .

AL: Sure. We got to get over the idea of taking time out to satisfied with what little we're doing instead of trying more things to do.

ANDY: Al, you're so all-fired impatient to say something, go ahead and have your say.

AL: Well, seems to me there's a number of things this town do but I got in mind one thing in particular. You all know I'm in the lumber business - so naturally, I'm more likely think about timber and forests than anything else.

MATT: You can't kick, Al Perkins. You're making plenty these days.

ANDY: (RAPPING) Matt Singletree, now you're out of order.

AL: I'm glad you spoke up, Matt. Yep. I'm doing better'n I in a good many years, but just the same the timber I'm doing is being cut right. It's not being hacked and wasted like lot of other timber lands in this country. Which brings me what I was about to say... Well, we got a man right here us today who gave us a talk a couple of years ago... a fine but for all the good it did it might just as well never have been given.

1. ANDY: Get to the point, Al.

2. AL: I'm talking about Ranger Jim Robbins, fellas. I reckon you
3. remember now that he tried way back to get us to establish
4. community forest for Winding Creek. Seems to me he had a
5. something then and even if we didn't listen so careful
6. before, we ought to hear from him again.

7. MATT: Jim Robbins is a good friend of mine, but I don't see what
8. a community forest has got to do with this war, and that's
9. why this meeting was called - to find out if the town could
10. do something about the war.

11. CROWD: Yeah, Matt's right, etc.

12. AL: Listen, Matt, and you other fellas, listen to me. I did a
13. little figurin' the other day. We're putting everything
14. we've got into defending this land of ours; to make sure we keep hold of
15. it. Before we get through, we'll more'n likely spend a hundred billion
16. dollars to win this war. That's equal to about \$50 for every acre in the
17. whole country. Now, if our land means that much to us, -- if we're willing
18. to spend that much to hold onto it, I figure we oughta be seein' to it
19. that we use it right. Making and keeping our land productive is part of
20. defense, but we ought to be thinkin' beyond that too. Seems to me, we'll
21. have quite a battle on our hands after the shootin' war's over-- a battle
22. for peace and prosperity and to keep our way of life workin' right. And
23. that's where a town forest comes in; but I'd rather let Jim Robbins
24. explain about that if you'll just listen to him.

25. CROWD: NOISE

1. ANDY: Suppose we hear from Jim like Al suggests. Go ahead, Jim.
2. What's your idea?

3. JIM: Well, men, Al and I didn't cook this up...I mean, having me
4. get up and make a speech. (LAUGHTER) But I'm glad I can talk
5. to you and I want you to know I'm talking as a citizen of
6. Winding Creek and not as a Forest Ranger though it's forests
7. I'm goin' to talk about.

8. MATT: Excuse me for interrupting, Jim. Is this forest you're going
9. to suggest we get up goin' to cost us a lot of money? If it
10. is.....

11. JIM: Well, Matt, it all depends on the way you look at it. I like
12. to think that what I'm goin' to suggest will help, indirectly
13. at least, in the present war effort, and like Al says, it'll
14. be an investment for the future. . .

15. ANDY: Matt, you quit interruptin'. Go ahead, Jim, and tell us about
16. it.

17. JIM: Well, there's about 800 acres of woodland just south of town-
18. you all know the woods I'm talkin' about, just off the Mill
19. Creek Road...Most of us here can remember how pretty those woods were back
20. in 1916-17 and what fine timber there was growin' there at the time. And
21. we all know what happened to that timber. We had a war on then, too, and
22. most of the timber was cut- one, tow, three, out clean and bare as, well,
23. the top of Andy Goodman's head (LAUGHTER) There's a little timber left and
24. some second growth scattered around now where it's seeded again...and with
25. some care and protection it could grow good timber again; it could be made
26. into about as nice a little public forest as any town could hope to have
 right in its own backyard.

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MATT: Wait a minute, Jim. That place you're talkin' about..I'd take some money to pay up delinquent taxes and buy up that land, and Winding Creek ain't in no position to. . .

JIM: Yes, Matt. It's take some money. But let me tell you something... If somebody buys up that land and strips off what's left this time, probably, it'll be wrecked worse than before. What timer's there now oughtn't be cut for another ten years or more and then cut carefully so's there'll be a growing crop left. After this war is over we can expect a big increase in our tax delinquent areas all over the country. Such lands are always a social burden, you know that. They lie idle, not producing anything, jobs or timber--just wasted. If Winding Creek could take over that 800 acres for a community forest the town could develop it- and in time, the folks of Winding Creek would be getting back more money than ever went into the forest and getting it back steady, too.

ANDY: But, Jim, we got to be economical, like Matt says. Where we goin' to get money to buy up this tax delinquent land?

AL: If I owned that land I'd donate it to the town. As it is, I've got 40 acres laying alongside, that Winding Creek's welcome to. As for the tax delinquent land, maybe Matt's bank will lend the town the money? How about that Matt?

MATT: I ...I..don't see how we can..with the loans we been making farmers and all...And anyway, Jim Robbins hasn't shown me what a community forest's got to do with the war.

JIM: Let me put it this way, Matt. I reckon up to now I've only mentioned the timber we'd get out of a town forest.

But look here. We're sendin' our young men from Winding Creek into the thick of things on the front lines. How about when they come back home? We goin' to have jobs for them? And raw materials for them to work with? A town forest project could sure help. And another thing--sitting right over there is our school principal and next to him is the club chairman of the underpriveleged children's committee -- they'll agree that for recreation, and good sound education, a town forest can't be beat for youngsters who need all the health and knowledge and, yes, spirit, too, that the outdoors can give 'em at this time. And we've got a Sportsman group in this club, too. They'd bring game back into a town forest, I bet, if they had one...Like Al says, if we're willing to fight for our land against a foreign enemy, seems to me we oughta be fighting for it on the home front too...against the enemies of waste, and ne , and misuse. Here's a piece of wasting land we can do something about. For myself, I'd help make it go every free minute I got.

CROWD: (NOISE)

ANDY (RAPPING) Come to order...Order! (NOISE SUBSIDES)

Suppose I appoint a committee to see about ways and means of

AL: (WARMING UP) Committee, tommyrot! Either we set up a town forest or we don't. And we ought to decide right here and now. If the idea of raising a little money for a worthwhile project like this is goin' to lick us why we better just quit holding these meetings altogether. Do you fellers think our boys out there in the Pacific Ocean take time out to appoint a committee every time they get in a tough spot? They do not!

CROWD: (NOISE) -(RAPPING OF GAVEL)

ANDY: All right. Settle down, fellas, settle down. (NOISE SUBSIDES) We can decide all this without gettin' so excited. ..There's a hand up back there. Who is it? Oh, yes...Sam. It's Sam Wing, boys, one of Winding Creek's best citizens. Let's hear what Sam's got to say...Go ahead, Sam.

1. SAM: (CHINESE ACCENT) Thank you, Mr. Gloodman. Sam Wing long
 2. time washes gentlemen's shirts here in Winding Creek.
 3. Everybody velly good to Sam Wing. Sam be good citizen, too,
 4. mebbe?....What Mist' Lobbins say velly wise---like words
 5. of wise father. I agree. Sam visit old China before war
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 13. enemy now....Sam Wing likee help new countlee. Have some
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 15. hard, savee money flom laundly business. Buy lotta Defense
 16. Blonds. Now Sam Wing givee Defense Blonds to buy land for
 17. town florest. . .Yes, Mr. Gloodman?

18. ANDY: (AFTER PAUSE) Matt Singlefield wants to say something, again
 19. fellas.

20. MATT: (CLEARS THROAT) Sam, I reckon your little speech kinda
 21. puts all of us to shame. With your generosity it looks
 22. like we'll have that town forest we've been arguin' about
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 enemy now... Sam Wang likes help new countries. Have a
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ANDY:

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2. Victoly Florest. Can do?

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4. in China no greater honor can be done for their wise old men
5. than to set up a memorial of some kind when they leave this
6. earth. Seems to me Winding Creek's got a chance now to do
7. likewise. I suggest that the name of our town forest be Sam
8. Wing's Victory Forest. . . .

9. (APPLAUSE -FADE OUT)

10. MUSICAL FINALE:

11. ANNOUNCER: Any of our listeners who are interested in the development of
12. local public forests can get a copy of a booklet on "Community
13. Forests" published by the Forest Service. Just address a
14. postcard to the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture,
15. Washington, D.C. and ask for the booklet "Community Forests."
16. Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers has been a presentation of the Blue
17. Network, with the cooperation of the Forest Service, United
18. States Department of Agriculture.

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